

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **DATE:** 26th February, 2009

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PART I **FOR CONSIDERATION**

SCRUTINY OF “CASTLEVIEW” ISSUE – FURTHER CONSIDERATION

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 As agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 15th January, this report submits all of the questions received from Members on the “Castleview” issue together with the Officer responses.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to consider what further action it wishes to take on this matter, if any.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee consider whether it wishes to undertake any further scrutiny of this matter.

3. Key Priorities

- 3.1 None arising from this administrative report.

4. Other Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial, staffing or legal (including Human Rights) implications arising from this report. However, any recommendations made by the Committee may result in such matters arising.

5. Background/Supporting Information

- 5.1 The Committee at its special meeting on 4th November, 2008 considered a number of questions submitted by Councillors Coad and Stokes arising out of their post-decision call-ins submitted relating to the proposed appropriation of land at Upton Court Park, the “Castleview” issue. The Committee resolved as follows:-
 - (a) That copies of the questions and responses given at this meeting be circulated to Committee Members and to other interested parties including local residents (with the proviso that any exempt information will be excluded from the documentation forwarded to members of the public).
 - (b) That Councillor Stokes and Committee Members submit any further questions on this matter in writing by the end of November, 2008.

- (c) That Officers respond in writing to the questions to which it had not been possible to provide an answer at this meeting and to any further questions received by the end of November, by no later than the end of December, 2008.
- (d) That a copy of all questions and replies be circulated with the agenda for the meeting of the Committee taking place on 15th January, 2009 and that the Committee consider at that meeting whether it wishes to undertake any further scrutiny of this matter.

5.2 Subsequent to the November meeting, a number of further questions were received from Councillor Stokes and Councillor Davis before the end of November. Responses to these were circulated to all Committee Members and to Councillor Stokes on 9th December, 2008.

5.3 Subsequently, Councillor Stokes submitted a number of further questions by letter dated 19th December, 2008.

5.4 At its meeting on 15th January, the Committee was advised that two files mislaid by the Council's consultants had been located and, as a result, it was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter until officers had had the opportunity to review the information in the files and amend the responses to certain questions, if appropriate. The responses to questions 1, 3, 4 and 5 asked by Councillor Stokes have subsequently been amended.

5.4 As referred to above, the Committee agreed that it would at this meeting consider all of the questions and responses and decide whether to undertake any further scrutiny of this matter. The Committee's decision is requested. A full list of all questions and answers is attached at Appendix A.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – All questions received from Members and responses thereto.

7. Background Papers

Agenda and minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 4th November, 2008 and 15th January, 2009.